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Mr. Thomas M. Dorman
Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

Dear Mr. Dorman:

2004-00015

Kentucky Rural Water Association will host three (3) regional meetings during the month of January, 2004. We request that his training be approved for commissioners as referenced in HB-75, KRS 74.020.

Please find enclosed a training summary for these meetings which includes a timed agenda, a description of the sessions, and speaker biographies. We have also requested approval from the Kentucky Division of Water Operator Certification Board that two (2) hours of training be approved for drinking water operators. A copy of this request is also enclosed.

With this letter and enclosures, Kentucky Rural Water Association is requesting the approval of two (2) hours per session for commissioner and board member training. If additional information is requested, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Phillip East
Phillip East
Education Services Director

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Enclosures

Training Summary

Kentucky Rural Water Association Regional Meetings

Green River Regional
January 15, 2004
Webster Co. Community Cntr
Dixon, KY

Northeast Regional
January 20, 2004
Ponderosa Steak House
Morehead, KY

Western Regional
January 22, 2004
Ponderosa Steak House
Draffenville, KY

Presented By: Kentucky Rural Water Association

Following a meal, the training portion of the Regional Meetings will be conducted from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM. Two hours of training will be conducted to inform the attendees of various issues that are currently facing the operation of a water system. The objective is to enable those in attendance to become more efficient in the operation of their systems and be informed of current issues.

Topics and Speakers:	Source Protection	Joe Burns/Jack Stickney/Matt Glass
	Security Issues	Phillip East
	KRWA Programs	Andy Lange
	Legislative Issues	Paul Lashbrooke/Gary Larimore
	Stage 1 DBPR	Clem Wethington

A brief overview of these issues will be presented by the respective speakers and then the floor will be opened to allow comments and questions from the attending water system representatives.

Kentucky Rural Water Association requests the approval of two (2) hours for this training session which can be applied toward commissioner training.

BIOGRAPHY

Joe Burns

Joe has been with Kentucky Rural Water Association since April 1994. His current activities include implementing the NRWA source water protection program and oversight of the NRWA wellhead program and the Division of Water wellhead protection assistance grant. Prior to joining the KRWA staff, Mr. Burns was a Senior Groundwater Hydrologist for the Kentucky Division of Water beginning in July, 1991, where he was responsible for formulating Kentucky's Wellhead Protection Strategy. He also has experience in drilling and environmental monitoring. Joe holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Geology from Eastern Kentucky University.

BIOGRAPHY

Jack Stickney

Jack Stickney came to Kentucky Rural Water Association in February of 2001. As a Groundwater Technician for KRWA, he writes Wellhead Protection Plans for small water utilities throughout Kentucky. He also assists utilities with problems and technical issues that pertain to groundwater resources. Jack earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology in 1979 from Radford University, Radford Virginia, and his Masters Degree in Geology in 1985 from Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky.

Jack has over twenty years of work experience in the geologic field including oil drilling, uranium mining, coal, groundwater, and environmental from all over the United States, but primarily in Kentucky. He is a registered Professional Geologist in Kentucky, North Carolina and Alaska.

Together with his wife Theresa, a teacher, and his son, Caleb, Jack resides on a farm in the back woods of Estill County, Kentucky in a log home that he built over a twelve year period.

BIOGRAPHY

Matt Glass

Matt joined the Kentucky Rural Water Association in March of 2002 as a Groundwater Technician. His primary responsibilities include the development of Sourcewater Protection Plans for water systems utilizing groundwater resources and providing technical assistance in related groundwater issues.

Matt attended Western Kentucky University, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in Geography with an emphasis in hydrogeology. He worked on several projects as a geologic technician for the Center for Cave and Karst Studies at Western and completed a planning internship under Dr. Nicholas Crawford, focusing on the development of a stormwater management plan for the city of Bowling Green.

Matt enjoys outdoor activities such as canoeing, hiking, swimming, fishing, and camping. Matt is a Metcalfe County native and currently lives in Bowling Green.

BIOGRAPHY

Phillip N. East

Prior to coming to work as a Circuit Rider for the Kentucky Rural Water Association (KRWA) in September 1996, Phillip East served as Water Treatment Superintendent for the City of Franklin, Kentucky. Before moving to Kentucky, Mr. East worked as Treatment Plant Operator for the Hendersonville Utility District in Hendersonville, Tennessee. Phillip has served as the Education Services Director for KRWA since 1997.

Mr. East has also worked for the City of Odessa, Texas and the City of Austin, Texas where he worked his way up through the ranks serving as Chemical and Filter Operator, Instrument Technician, Maintenance Mechanic Foreman, Chief Operator, Assistant Plant Superintendent, Plant Supervisor, and Plant Operations Supervisor. Mr. East, who has over twenty years of experience, has worked with ground and surface water systems utilizing Accelerated Solids Contact and conventional treatment processes in plants ranging from 5 MGD to 60 MGD.

Mr. East earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Texas at Austin and has completed graduate work in Public Administration at South West Texas State University at San Marcos, Texas.

In addition to having been a member of the Capital Area Water and Wastewater Association in Texas, the Texas Water Utilities Association, and the American Water Works Association, Mr. East currently holds water treatment certification in Texas, Tennessee and Kentucky at the highest available technical levels.

As a result of the The Bioterrorism Act of 2002, Phillip has attended the following training sessions to gain knowledge on security issues:

“Security for Small Water Systems,” sponsored by the National Environment Training Center for Small Communities, Morgantown, WV

“Security Emergency Management System” (SEMS), sponsored by National Rural Water Association, Atlanta, GA

BIOGRAPHY

Andrew C. Lange

Andy Lange is the Assistant Director for the Kentucky Rural Water Association (KRWA) and has been employed there since 1989. Prior to joining KRWA, Mr. Lange worked for the Barren River Area Development District for five (5) years, providing administrative and financial assistance to local governments in the ten-county BRADD region. Mr. Lange has earned a Bachelor of Science in Geography and a Master of Public Administration from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

As Assistant Director, Mr. Lange is involved with all management and administrative activities of the Association. He was originally responsible for performing loan sub-servicing under the Asset Management Program contract with National Rural Water Association (NRWA) for eight (8) years, ending in 1997. He also currently oversees KRWA's partnership with Western Kentucky University (WKU). These programs are the WKU Small System Circuit Rider, the Utility Management Institute (UMI), and the Technology Demonstration Project. Mr. Lange received the "Field Representative of the Year" award at NRWA's 1996 Annual Conference.

Mr. Lange's other responsibilities at KRWA include: coordinating and monitoring internal membership activities, producing and editing KRWA printed publications, and assisting in the administration of KRWA finance programs. In addition, Mr. Lange has been involved in the production of over seventy-five operation and maintenance manuals for water systems, has produced the final report for the Kentucky River Authority Water Counts project, and has participated in, and written, Operation Review studies for three (3) water and wastewater utilities since 1995.

Andy is a native of Dallas, Texas and has lived in Bowling Green, Kentucky since 1962. He is married to Janice Sims Lange, a Catholic Elementary School Principal, and has two children, Katherine and Jacob.

**BIOGRAPHY
OF
PAUL D. LASHBROOKE**

1316 Forest Avenue
Maysville, KY 41056
Hm: 606.564.4097 Wk: 606.564.4449

SUMMARY: Seasoned employee with exemplary track record in the highly competitive water utility industry. Especially adept at understanding the industry and exceeding expectations of performance.

**PROFESSIONAL
HIGHLIGHTS:**

Past Chairman of Buffalo Trace Water Supply Council
(Five County Wide)

Certified Water Treatment Plant Operator
Class III – B #6379

Certified Water Distribution Operator
Class II – D #6286

Elected to State Board of Kentucky Rural
Water Association (KRWA)

Currently serve as President of KRWA Board

Past Chairman of Board of Directors of Western Lewis-
Rectorville Water & Gas District

July 2000 –
Present

Superintendent of Webster County Water District

1997 – 2000

Superintendent of Western Lewis-Rectorville Water & Gas
District

EDUCATION:

B.S., Eastern Kentucky University
Southeastern Christian College

OTHER

HIGHLIGHTS:

Eagle Scout – God and Country Award recipient, Former
Scout Master

Past President of Tollesboro Lions Club

Past Chairman of Lions Club Fair

Past Member, Board of Directors, Farmer's Co-op Ins.

Member Tollesboro Volunteer Fire Department

Past Lewis County Chairman to elect former Governor

BIOGRAPHY

Gary Larimore

Gary Larimore has been Executive Director of the Kentucky Rural Water Association (KRWA) since its formation in March 1979. He has received both Bachelor of Science and Master of Public Service Degrees from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Mr. Larimore is responsible for the administration and day-to-day operation of the Association's office and supervision of a twenty-member staff. These duties include budgeting and financial management, personnel management, and acting as the primary representative with the membership, the Board of Directors, National Rural Water Association, various funding agencies, and other outside organizations. Additionally, Mr. Larimore serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the Kentucky Rural Water Finance Corporation, which was incorporated in 1995 for the purpose of assisting communities in obtaining competitive financing. Other primary duties include representing the Association's legislative and regulatory interests as a full-time lobbyist and working with water-related groups and organizations.

Mr. Larimore is the co-author of the ***Kentucky Wastewater Assistance Manual for Policymakers***, June, 1993; ***Kentucky Rural Water Assistance Manual***, January, 1990; ***Water System Decision Makers – An Introduction to Water System Operation and Maintenance***, January 1988; and ***Conserving Water and Energy – A Manual for Managers of Rural Water Utilities***, September, 1982. He has served on a variety of National Rural Water Association (NRWA) committees and currently serves as a trustee of the Rural Municipal Retirement Trust, sponsored by NRWA.

Gary is a native of Horse Cave, Kentucky. He lives in Warren County, Kentucky with his wife Rita Tufts Larimore, who teaches third grade at St. Joseph School in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

BIOGRAPHY

CLEM WETHINGTON

Clem Wethington came to Kentucky Rural Water Association in 1987 from the City of Eddyville where he was Superintendent of Public Works for over eight years. For nine years he served on the Eddyville City Council. Clem holds the following licenses: Class IIIA Kentucky Water Treatment Plant Operator's License, Class II Kentucky Water Distribution System Operator's License, and Class I Kentucky Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator's License.

Mr. Wethington held the position of Circuit Rider with Kentucky Rural Water Association from June 1987, to March 1991. His primary duties as Circuit Rider were to provide technical assistance and hands-on training to rural water utility personnel throughout Kentucky. In 1988, Wethington received the "Rookie Circuit Rider of the Year" award from the National Rural Water Association (NRWA). He was also a contributing author of a Rural and Small System Training Guide entitled "An Introduction to Hydrant Operation and Maintenance" published by the National Rural Water Association in 1989.

Mr. Wethington's position with KRWA from March 1991, to March 1994, was that of Groundwater Technician. In that capacity, he worked with communities throughout Kentucky to help them develop local wellhead protection plans. In 1993, Mr. Wethington was named "Groundwater Technician of the Year" by NRWA. In March 1994, Mr. Wethington returned as a Circuit Rider for a brief period and then became Program Specialist in February 1995. The Program Specialist is dually responsible for providing training and technical assistance to water systems. Clem was awarded the honor of "Training Specialist of the Year" by the NRWA in 1999.

Clem, a native of Casey County, Kentucky, resides in Eddyville, Kentucky with his wife, Maxine. They have three children. Clem enjoys outdoor activities including working in the yard, fishing, backpacking, canoeing, and golf. Another hobby includes listening to and singing gospel music.

Application for Approval of a Continuing Education Program

Division of Water
Operator Certification Section
14 Reilly Road
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Training applications are reviewed/approved by the appropriate Certification Board. Each section and the supporting documentation must be complete for review. Additional sheets can be attached and numbered accordingly if space allocated is not sufficient. Applications must be received by the second Friday of each month to be considered by the Boards. Course approval may be sought prior to or upon completion of the class.

(1) AGENCY/APPLICANT'S NAME: **Kentucky Rural Water Association**
TELEPHONE NUMBER: **270.843.2291**
ADDRESS: **P.O. Box 1424**
CITY: **Bowling Green** STATE: **Kentucky** ZIP CODE: **42102**
COURSE ADMINISTRATOR'S NAME (if different from above): **Clem Wethington**

(2) APPROVAL REQUESTED: WASTEWATER ONLY DRINKING WATER ONLY BOTH

(3) COURSE TITLE: **First Quarter Regional Meetings**
Attach a timed agenda of sufficient detail for the Board(s) to determine relevance to wastewater and/or drinking water system operations.

DATE(S)/LOCATION(S) OF TRAINING: **Green River Regional-January 15, 2004, Webster Co. Community Cntr., Dixon, KY; Northeast Regional-January 20, 2004, Ponderosa Steak House, Morehead, KY; Western Regional-January 22, 2004, Ponderosa Steak House, Draffenville, KY**

(4) NUMBER OF TRAINING HOURS REQUESTED: **Two (2) hours each session**

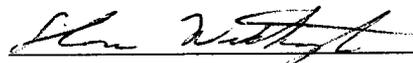
(5) DETAIL THE INFORMATION ATTENDEES SHOULD/DID LEARN FROM THIS COURSE:
Please see attached summary.

(6) INSTRUCTIONAL FORMAT (check all that apply): CLASSROOM FACILITY TOUR
CORRESPONDENCE COURSE* VIDEO* OTHER (describe)

*For Video or Correspondence courses, provide a certificate of completion and the following information:
PUBLISHER'S NAME: PHONE:
ADDRESS:
CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE:

(7) Identify by topic(s) each instructor and attach a detailed resume. **Please see attached summary.**

(8) As the course applicant/administrator, I confirm that all information provided with this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that a complete list of attendees will be forwarded within 30 days of the course date.

SIGNATURE:  DATE: **January 8, 2004**